



SCOPE OF SERVICES

Solicitation Number: CLMP322

Project Name: IH-35 Cap & Stitch Improvements Consultant

PROJECT FOR:

CITY OF AUSTIN, *AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT*, THROUGH ITS CAPITAL CONTRACTING OFFICE

PROJECT TITLE:

IH-35 Cap & Stitch Improvements Consultant

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:

The City of Austin (City) is seeking an external consultant team (Consultant) to provide IH-35 Cap & Stitch project development and engineering; Urban Design and Land Planning; Communications, Public Outreach, Community and Cultural Engagement and ongoing Communication Services.

The City of Austin is leading this study in conjunction with TxDOT's IH-35 Capital Express Central Project to refine cap and stitch concepts from the first phase of IH-35 Cap & Stitch study; analyze impacts and opportunities for the community; and provide outreach to the community and stakeholders.

Project Design and Engineering: IH-35 Cap & Stitch will refine concepts from the previous Feasibility Study, including the following further engineering and infrastructure based on community outreach and partnership with TxDOT:

- Loading magnitudes and locations for the various cap and stitch appurtenances
- Architectural and urban design; land use planning, activation, and programming for the cap and stitch appurtenances
- Transportation operations, including multi-modal mobility and safety for users accessing and departing the cap and stitch appurtenances
- Drainage, utility, constraints, and permitting analyses for the cap and stitch appurtenances
- Construction cost estimates for the cap and stitch appurtenances

The project will analyze the following impacts and opportunities to the community:

- Economic development and business stability
- Small business disruption mitigation programs/anti-displacement strategies
- Music and art venue establishment and preservation
- Land use/urban design/planning

- Equity
- Affordability
- Community priorities
- Other connected initiatives, plans, and project considerations
- Community ownership models (land trusts, etc.)
- Cost/Financial Model Recommendations

The City anticipates that a separate analysis of equity, displacement and impacts on vulnerable communities in relation to the IH-35 Capital Express Central Project will be conducted.

Additionally, this project will incorporate strong elements of community engagement and outreach, which may include the following groups:

- Technical advisory group to provide expertise in key areas
- Partnerships with higher education to assist with analysis
- Project steering committee with representatives from the first phase Scoping Working Group, City of Austin, Downtown Austin Alliance, East Austin community groups, music and art organizations
- Property and business owners
- Neighborhoods and communities, especially those harmed by the creation of IH-35

BACKGROUND:

The IH-35 Cap & Stitch Feasibility Study evaluated the cap and stitch alternatives identified in the February 2020 ULI Advisory Services Panel (ASP) Report, along with five stitch-only locations identified in the ULI ASP Report.

The study included preliminary transportation engineering structural analysis for multi-modal mobility, safety, and connectivity; conceptual landscape architectural design for site and programming analysis; and concept development for usage and loading on the caps and stitches.

The Feasibility Study provided strong fundamental concepts for where caps and stitches could be integrated into TxDOT's Capital Express Central project; the preliminary/design study is necessary to build upon this previous study to carry out the community's vision of reconnecting the City along the corridor.

ANTICIPATED SERVICES:

The Consultant will conduct services needed to fulfill the stated objectives of this project and produce these key deliverables:

- Design and engineering refinements of the cap and stitch appurtenances
- Disruption mitigation programs for small businesses and anti-displacement strategies
- Establishment and preservation programs and strategies for music and art venues

- Reports documenting project process, assumptions, findings, community engagements, and recommendations
- Graphics and exhibits to supplement written reports

PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Contract execution is expected in March 2022, with services continuing until completion in March 2024 with potential extension periods as necessary.

PROPOSED PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

RFQ Issue Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2021
 Pre-Response Meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2021
 RFQ Due Date: Friday, September 10, 2021
 Interviews (if applicable): Week of October 18, 2021
 Tentative Council Date: December 2021

COST ESTIMATE:

The professional services fee is estimated to be \$2,000,000 and the estimated total construction cost is \$300,000,000.

MAJOR AND OTHER SCOPES OF WORK:

Below is a list of the major scopes of work that the City has identified for this project. ****There must be representation for all major scopes of work listed in the prime's statement of qualifications.*** The experience of the firms listed to perform the Major Scopes of Work, whether a subconsultant or prime firm, will be evaluated under Consideration Item 6 – Major Scopes of Work – Comparable Project Experience.

In addition, the City has identified Other Scopes of work that MAY materialize during the course of the project. The City does not guarantee that the scopes listed under Other Scopes of work will materialize on this contract. If the prime consultant intends to enter into a subconsulting agreement on a scope of work not listed below, the prime consultant is required to contact SMBR and request an updated availability list of certified firms in each of the scopes of work for which the prime consultant intends to utilize a subconsultant.

*** Major Scopes of Work**

Traffic and Transportation Engineering
 Utility Analysis and Engineering
 Tunnel Engineering
 Civil Engineering
 Structural Engineering

Cost Estimating
Urban Planning
Urban Design and Land Planning
Landscape Architecture and Design
Architecture and Facilities Design
Communications, Public Outreach and Relations
Real Estate Services
Financial and Economic Analysis
Arborist

Other Scopes of Work

Sustainability Analysis
Community and Public Engagement
Graphic Design and/or Visualization Services
Program/Project Management

Notes:

- Construction Inspection is **NOT** a subconsultant opportunity. These services will be performed in-house or under a separate contract, if needed, and will be determined when project assignment is made.
- Participation at the prime or subconsultant level may create a conflict of interest and thus necessitate exclusion from future contracting opportunities with the City.
- If the City determines that a conflict of interest exists at the prime or subconsultant level, the City reserves the right to replace/remove the prime or instruct the prime consultant to remove the subconsultant with the conflict of interest and to instruct the prime consultant to seek a post-award change to the prime consultant's compliance plan as described in City Code § 2-9B-23. Such substitutions will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and will be considered for approval by Small and Minority Business Resources (SMBR) in the usual course of business. The City's decision to remove a prime or subconsultant because of a conflict of interest shall be final.
- A consultant performance evaluation will be performed on all professional services contracts. This evaluation will be conducted at the end of each Design and Construction phase.
- Please review the City of Austin's Public Participation Principles

<http://austintexas.gov/page/public-participation-principles>

CITY OF AUSTIN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRINCIPLES:**Accountability and Transparency**

The City will enable the public to participate in decision-making processes by providing clear information on the issues, the ways to participate, and how their participation contributes to the decision.

Fairness & Respect

The City will maintain a safe environment that cultivates and supports respectful public engagement and will expect participants to do so in turn.

Accessibility

The City will respect and encourage participation by providing ample public notice of opportunities and resources and accommodations that enable all to participate.

Predictability & Consistency

The City will prepare the public to participate by providing meeting agendas, discussion guidelines, notes, and information on next steps.

Creativity & Community Collaboration

(Inclusivity and Diversity)

The City will use innovative, proven, and customized engagement solutions that are appropriate to the needs of the projects and the participants.

Stewards of Resources

The City will balance its commitment to provide ample opportunities for public involvement with its commitment to delivering government services efficiently and using City resources wisely.